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Leslie Biffle was to call on me this morning but he pounded the streets in the wrong direction and went to 41, Rue St. Honoré instead of Faubourg St. Honoré. However, I talked to him on the telephone. He says his private polls indicate the Democrats will carry the House of Representatives and may win the Senate by a narrow margin. They also show the popularity of McCarthy has dropped in recent weeks from 50-50 to 30-70.

I talked to André de Staercke, who has kept me constantly informed of what is transpiring in the Benelux countries about EDC. It looks as if matters are progressing satisfactorily.

E. and I had lunch at Calvet's, on Boulevard St. Germain.

Frank Giles came to see me. We discussed the prevalent British belief that EDC is completely dead. I told him if I were he I would suspend judgment, as I thought the Benelux countries and the U.S.-U.K. meeting in Washington might revive the patient.

I stopped to see Monsieur Pernet tonight, whom I have commissioned to insert a mirror in the bosom of an 18th Century embroidered waistcoat I bought in Berlin.

Hervé Alphand came to the house this evening. I gave him a rousing pep talk on the necessity of not giving way one iota on the present EDC text and to await developments that might come from the Benelux countries, the U.S. and U.K.

We went tonight to Margaret Biddle's for dinner in celebration of the Duke of Windsor's birthday. The speeches were short and genial. After dinner there was a marionette show, followed by Paraguayan dancers, in the garden. It was a beautiful night. I had a long conversation with Philippe Barrès regarding the ex-Gaullists' attitude toward EDC. We each retired undefeated from the contest.

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